

The lords and ladies of the ring get their rewards

Alabama Community College Conference Commissioner Al Cox joined Shelton president Rick Rogers on June 29 publically acknowledging the accomplishments of the college's men's and women's basketball teams. They also presented team members



Shelton basketball players will have a harder time raising their hands in class while sporting this new hardware.

with championship rings.

Also on the agenda were readings of resolutions in the Alabama Senate which featured some team highlights: the men's team went 32-2, defeating teams from Arizona, Mississippi, Georgia, North Dakota and Washington State.

The senate resolution specified individual honors to the ACCC Tournament MVP Reaynundo Sturdivant, all-tournament

Queuing Up



Hundreds of incoming students line up for a few minutes during the summer in the Shelton State atrium as part of Start-Up Days. They get a jump-start on the fall semester by visiting with advisors and counselors and signing up for the classes of their choice.



The championship Men's and Women's basketball team members grouped themselves in various ways to show off their rings. At left, all the women gathered for one shot; while on the right, the men who won back-to-back titles show off the jewelry that signifies their special status.

team members Casey Holland and Curtis Parker; all-region members Sturdivant and Parker, with second team Holland; Scottsdale Holiday team members Kiah Brown and

Parker (MVP).

The resolution also commended the "capable leadership of head coach Barry Mohun and assistant coach Tim Law," and listed team members Quinn Beckwith,

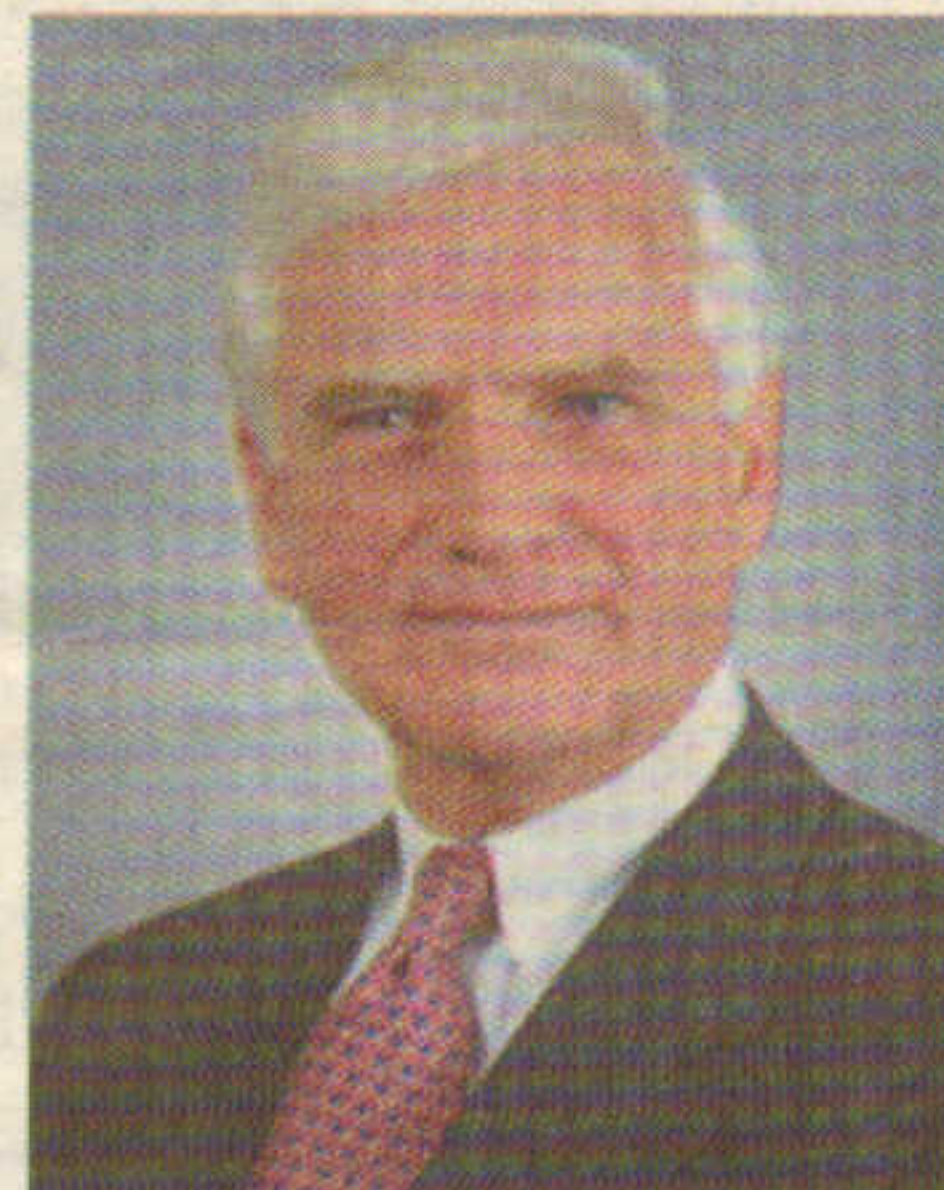
Jason Elmore, Kiah Brown, Kyle Sellers, Eric Shuman,

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System names Corts acting chancellor

Retired president of Samford University, Thomas Corts, was named interim chancellor of the Alabama College System on July 27.

Corts took the job during a time of unrest across the system. President Rick Rogers of Shelton State praised the choice of Corts



Dr. Thomas Corts will bring 23 years of presidential experience to the Alabama College System

in anticipation of his his selection. "Dr. Corts, if approved, will be an outstanding selection to lead our system, and we wish him and his family the very best," said Rogers when Corts's candidacy was announced.

Alabama Governor Bob Riley made the announcement as head of the two-year college system.

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Rings

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Rahim Barnes, Daryl Covington, Rayshaun Coleman, Kevin Johnson, Lakendrix Madison, Leon McKinney, Brett Paulk, Bill Reese, Jason Swanson and Zabroski Hill.

The women were cited for their 31-5 season and participation in the NJCAA National Tournament.

The senate resolution specified individual honors to Coach Madonna Thompson, ACCC coach of the year; conference MVP Kristi Martin; all-tourney team Shaquita Bell and Shaneka Bates; all-northern league members Bell, Martin and Melody Hudson; and all-region Bell.

Their resolution also commended the "capable leadership" of head coach Madonna Thompson and assistant coach Chris

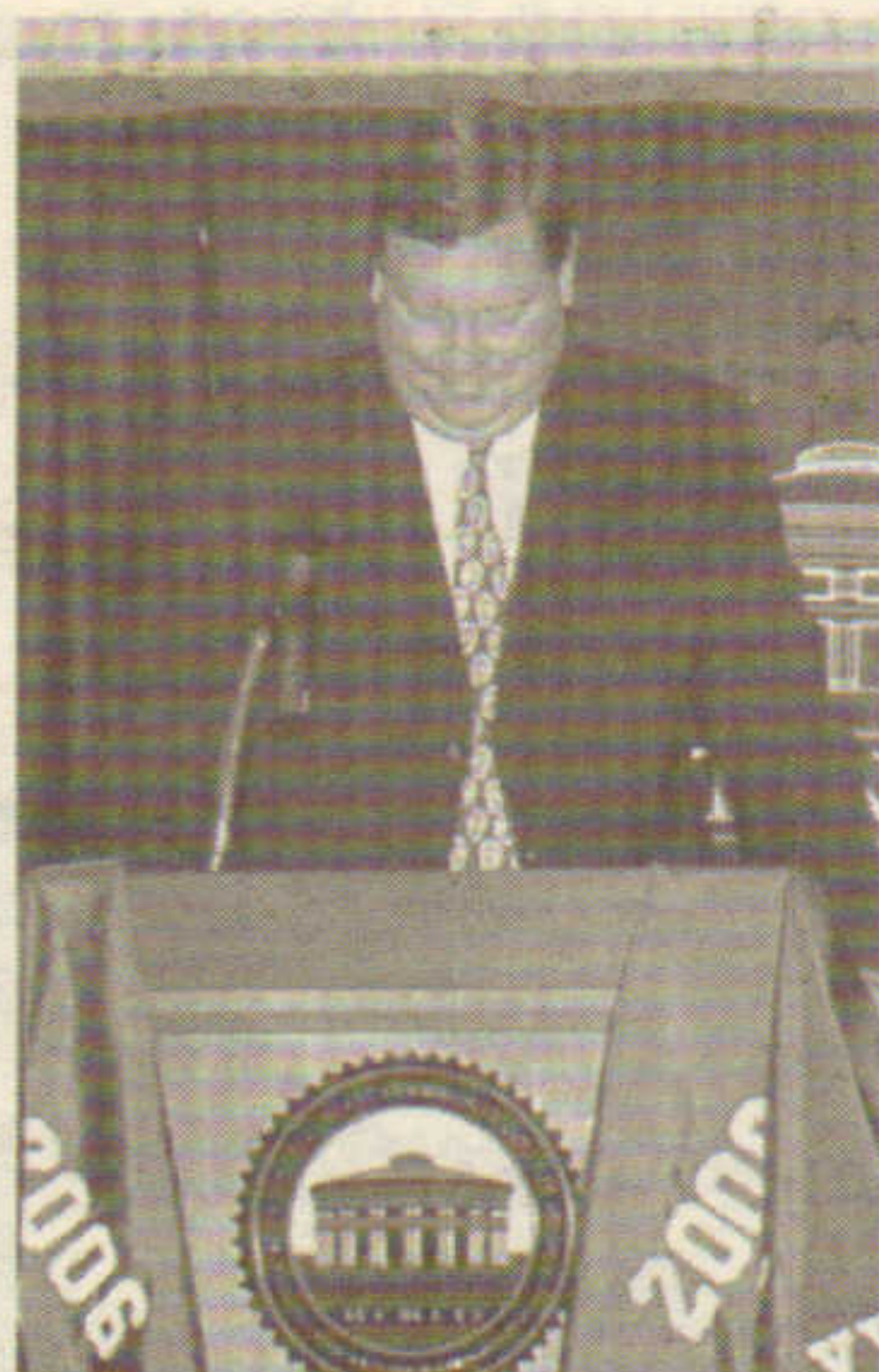
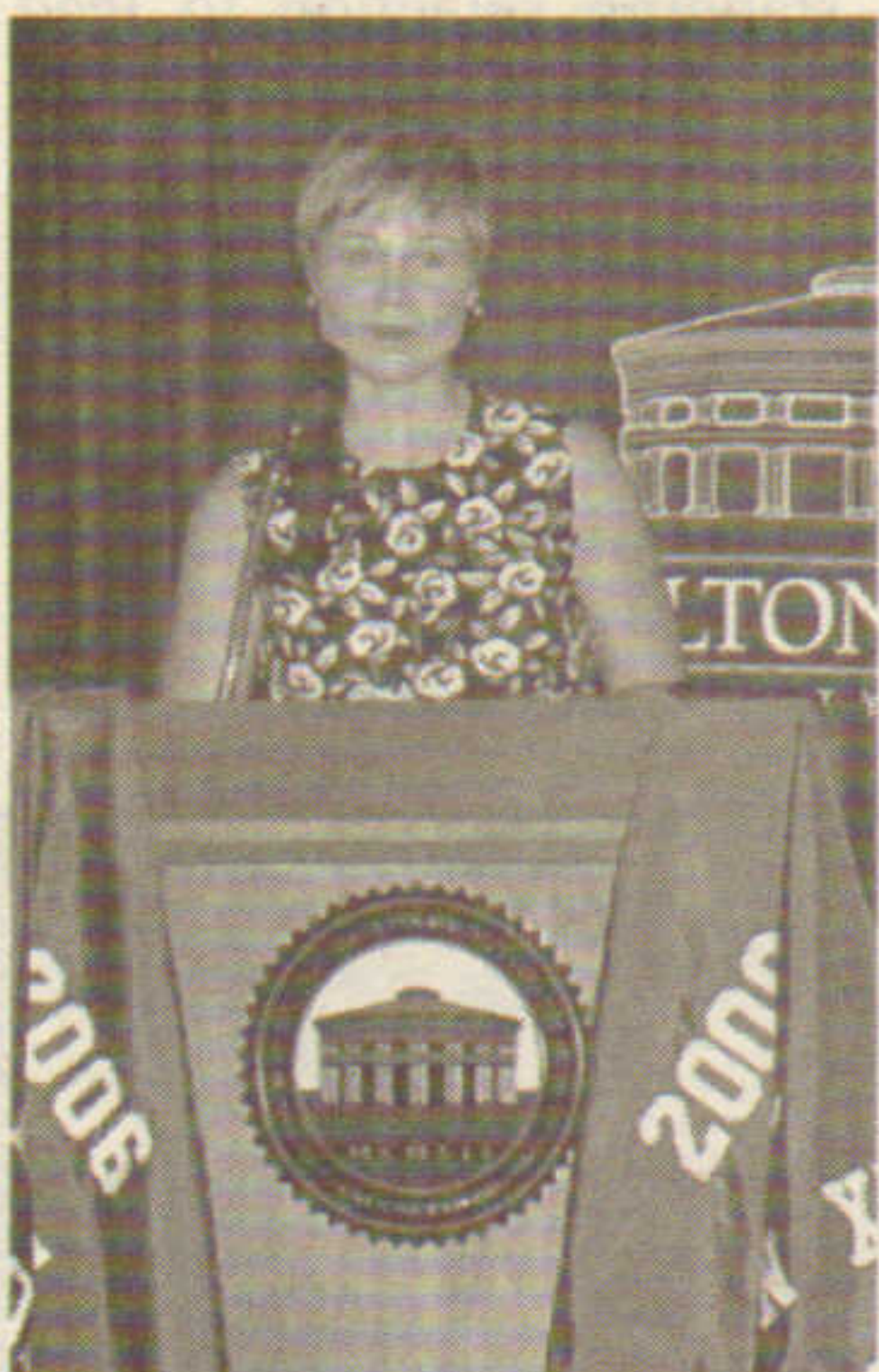
Sanford and listed other team members Phenecia West, Amellia Toole, Jessica Allen, LaPrecious Powell, Gabrielle Essex, Brittany Freeman, Carly Clemons, Tia Jackson, Brittany Kennedy, Quinetta Phillips and Flesia Sanders.

The resolutions sponsored by Senator Phil Poole read, "Whereas, these fine young athletes indeed bring great honor to themselves, their school, and community and, along with their coaches, are deserving of highest praise for their dedicated efforts and accomplishments..."

"Be it resolved by the legislature of Alabama, both houses thereof concurring...that both teams and their coaches "are recognized, honored and commended for [their] will-to-win spirit which culminated in winning the 2006 Alabama Community college Championship."



President Rick Rogers heartily congratulated the student athletes for their championship season.



Both head coaches Madonna Thompson and Barry Mohun were named coaches of the year in the Alabama Community College Conference.

COLLEGE SOFT KNOCKS

*Humor by
Henri Chamerie*

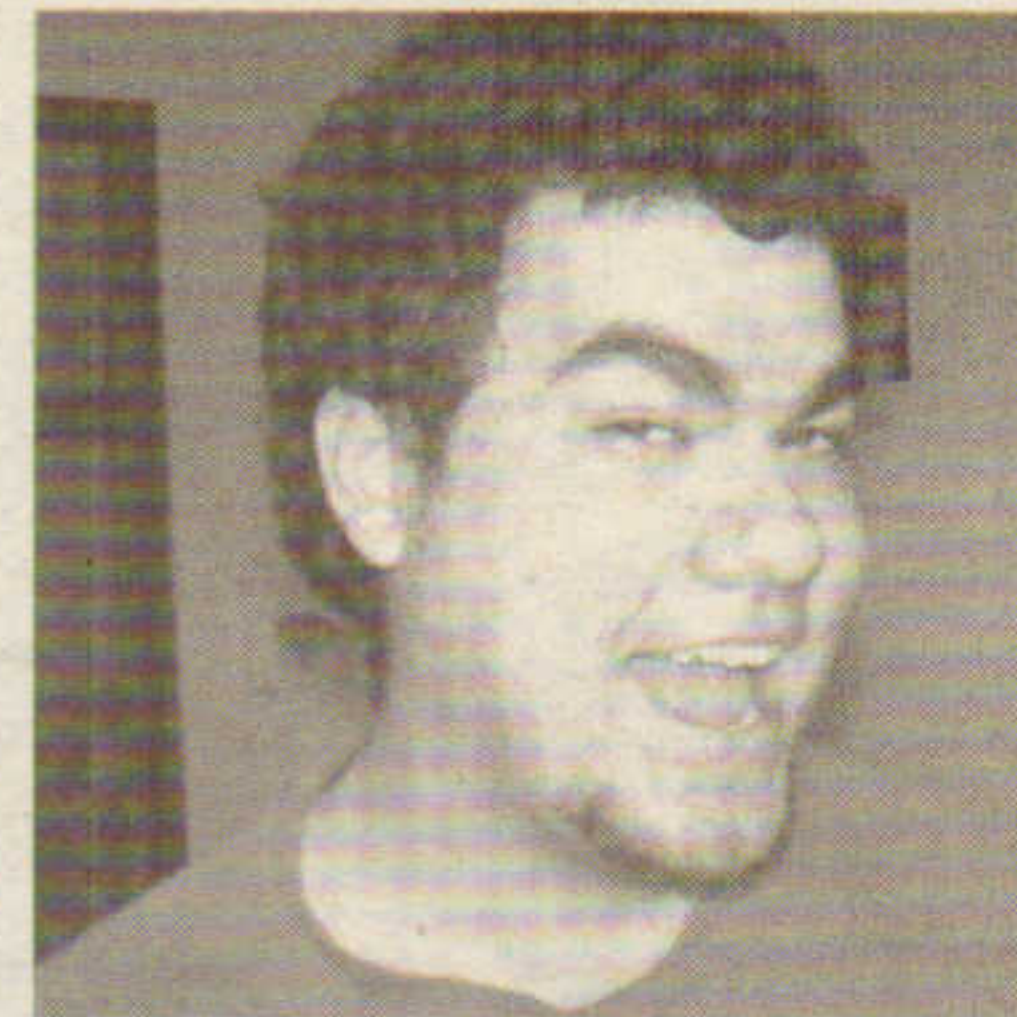
Hello folks. Well, HJC (that's me) is here with a rundown of some of the major events that happened this summer as I see them:

Superman Returns: Here's a film that was full of more holes than a swiss cheese block, had more questions unanswered than the Da Vinci Code, and full of more wooden performances than "Into the Woods (Get it? Trees...)", and I couldn't have had a better time at the movies. I loved it. It was great to see Superman get royal treatment and awesome to see Lex Luthor play Kevin Spacey. That's right Lex, I'm on to you....

Pirates of the Caribbean-Dead Man's Chest: Another great event this summer. They're all back and ready for Sequelitis. They brought back even the smallest characters from the first one and created a dazzling new adventure that is a great rehash of "The Black Pearl" plot. Poor Jack Sparrow can't get a break...always involved with cursed pirates. Here's a tip: If they turn into zombies by moonlight, or look like a walking sushi bar, don't talk to them. It would be safer, but probably not good for the box office. And for all you Johnny Depp fans who said "Oh, there wasn't enough Jack Sparrow", well keep in mind: A little Jack goes a long way. He's like Han Solo, though with Mark Hamill's acting, I am sure more Han is greatly appreciated.

X-Men 3: Okay...Okay...I am the only person in the world who finds the X-Men movies boring. And you don't fix said boringness by adding Kelsey Grammar to the

Summer of "I like you but not in that way"



cast. A talky, flashy, moral filled movie that didn't just bore me to tears, but made me want to find that Anti-Mutation serum and inject them all...and then maybe we wouldn't have to deal with seeing X-Men ever again, or hearing them for that matter.

Britney Spears is Pregnant. Again: Well, you know, like we didn't see that coming.

The President's use of a Four-Letter Word: CNN hasn't been as exciting since...

The Space Program: The space program is like a ride at Disney World: You read about it in the news, you see it on TV, and when it comes time to actually experiencing it, it's as empty as Jessica Simpson's mind. (How's that for a current event?) They need to make up their minds: "We're going to send it into orbit....No, we're not...Yes! We are!...Wait...the weather is too bad." We've been to the Moon, we sent a few robots to Mars, now how about launching us a clue, NASA. When will we be living on the moon? According to scientists in the 1950's that should have happened by 1995. Get on the ball here. And NASA, thanks for embarrassing Prince. 1999 wasn't half as exciting as he said it was going to be.

A lot of other stuff happened this summer, but I was too busy on the beach drinking high priced drinks with little umbrellas and dozing off to care.

See you in the fall.....

-HJC

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Shelton's HVACR program develops special relationship with Michigan university

By Bo Carver

Shelton State Community College is well known for its variety of programs, which can help students prepare for careers, especially in the technical area.

Students from Shelton in the air conditioning, ventilation and refrigeration department have the opportunity to move on to the only college in America that offers a B.S. in HVACR Engineering and all their certificate credits will transfer.

Shelton State is connected with Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan through an articulation agreement. This agreement means that all of a student's A.A.S. credit transfers to Ferris State.

Most students who graduate from Ferris State go on

to work in the development of systems at large well-

known companies in America. "One of my students who graduated from Ferris State, Chad Vaughn, designed systems for Carrier," said air conditioning and refrigeration instructor Sonny Logan, who was nominated for Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Some of the benefits listed for getting a degree in HVACR are that it's a growing job market and that none of these jobs can be outsourced to other countries.

"The average starting salary for someone in the HVACR field with a two-year degree is \$35,000 a year, whereas with a four-year degree from Ferris the average starting

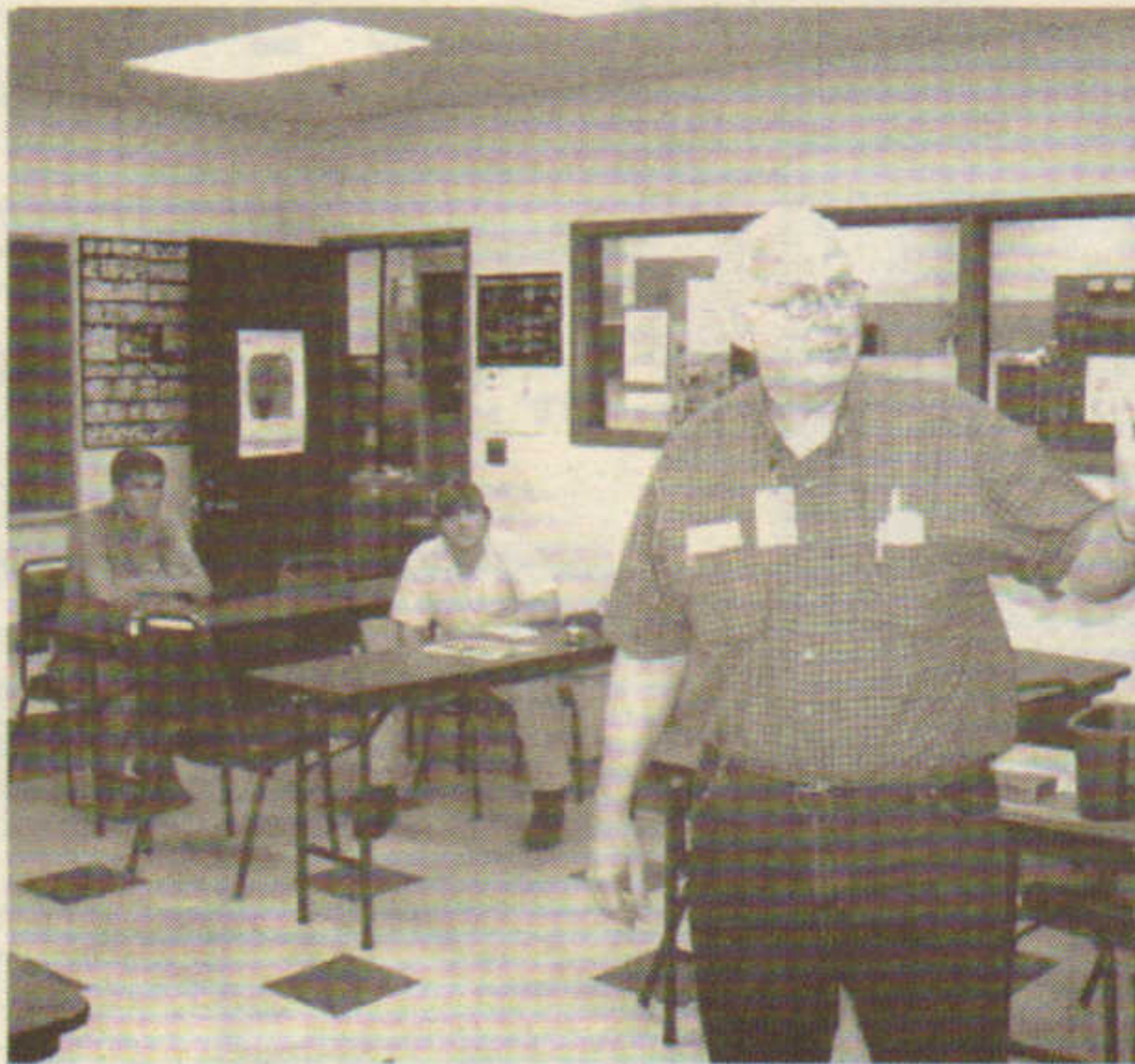
pay is \$45,000," said Logan. "That's a huge difference."

Ferris State helps students find part-time jobs while in school and helps with scholarships. Ferris State also has a 99 percent placement rate for students graduating from the HVACR program.

Shelton students who take their certificate to Ferris move right into a bachelor program that teaches them how to design systems, not just fix them. They study in the 75,000 square-foot, \$18 million Granger Center with labs that cover all of the areas of study in their field.

Ferris was

founded in 1884 and has 90 buildings and 9,000 students. The HVACR program was founded in 1946.



Whether it's hot or cold outside, HVACR instructor Sonny Logan's job is to teach students how to keep things at an even keel.



Eleven former Shelton students have turned their HVACR certificates into degrees at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan.

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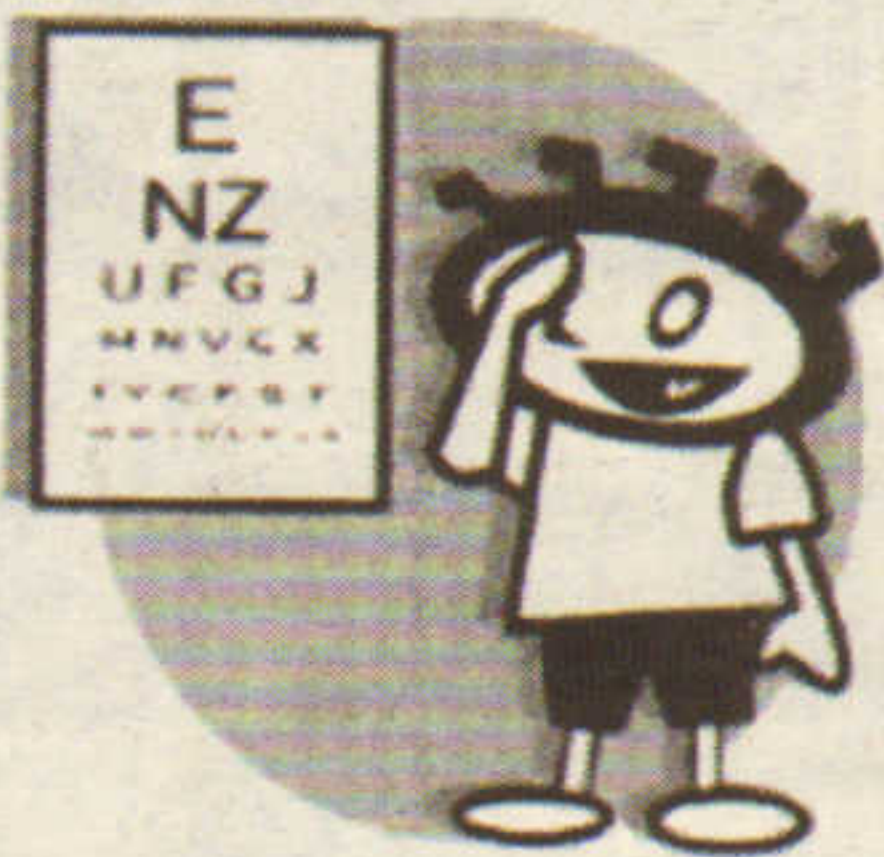
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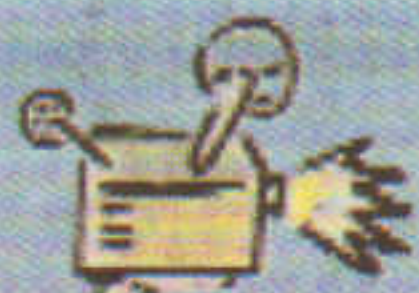
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Shel-Shots



Students of sociology instructor Carole Hill lead by example, bringing much-needed school supplies for Tuscaloosa-area students. The community service program is sponsored by Tuscaloosa's Promise, a local charity organization.



Nursing instructor Lois Griffin will carry the ceremonial mace at official Shelton functions this year in recognition of her receiving the Dr. and Mrs. John M. Todd III Exceptional Achievement in Teaching Award.



Caring Days Adult Care sponsored an art exhibit featuring works from some of their clients. Shelton instructor George Parker teaches a class composed of many Alzheimers patients and arranged for a showing of their work at the college's art gallery.



Dozens of Louise Boyd Lewis's friends and former colleagues were on hand July 27 for the naming of the newly refurbished Fredd campus library in her honor. Head college librarian Debbie Grimes said, "The staff of the Shelton State Libraries is very proud to be associated with Mrs. Lewis and the library named in her honor."



Lady Bucs star Phenicia West and her mother, Robbie (R), celebrate her signing a 4-year scholarship with Freed-Hardeman University. Head Coach Dale Neal and Bucs Head Coach Madonna Thompson look on proudly.



Shelton State is the first community college in the nation to be an outlet for the University Network, which provides announcements for the college as well as promotional material from around the country.



News from Phi Theta Kappa

PTK to sponsor Get on Board Days Aug. 29 and 30

The Shelton State Community College "Get on Board Days" sponsored by Shelton State Student Services and the Alpha Epsilon Iota chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 29 and 30. This is a two-day event where all the clubs, organizations and instructional areas of the college set up exhibits in the atrium to make students aware of the opportunities at

Shelton.

All of the campus's clubs will be on hand looking for new participants, including Circle K, Ecology Club, Fencing Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Nursing Programs and, of course, the Shelton State *Courier*.

So take some time out of your sure-to-be-busy schedule and stop by the atrium on Aug. 29 and 30 for Get on Board Days. You're likely to find something to spark your interest.

Shelton athletes excel on and off the field

Shelton State Community College is proud to announce the following awards from the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Five student-athletes have been selected for Distinguished Academic All-American. The criteria for this honor was to maintain a 3.8 GPA having earned at least 48 credit hours. Chosen for this award were Heather Allen of Pell City, soccer; Kiah Brown of Haleyville, Men's Basketball; Blake Harper of Tuscaloosa, Baseball; Sarah Sutton of Millbrook, softball and Suzy Smith of Maplesville, softball.

Six students were chosen for Academic All-American.

The criteria for this award was to maintain a 3.6 GPA having earned at least 48 hours. Chosen for this award were Brad Alexander of Pinson, Baseball; Laura Bonds of Hueytown, softball; Leah James of Millbrook, softball; Ben Stewart of Pelham, baseball; Alisa Terrell of Guntersville, soccer and Brandon Wallace of Hartselle, baseball.

Also announced were Spring Academic Teams of the Year. To be considered for this award the cumulative team GPA for a sport must be 3.0 or better. Shelton State's Softball team was named a Spring Academic Team of the Year. Their over-all GPA was a 3.39.

Theatre Tuscaloosa delights audience with *Hello Dolly*, a classic Broadway musical

By Bo Carver

The entire theatre was filled with whispers of excitement and anticipation. This reporter had found himself at his first show in the Bean-Brown Theatre. *Hello Dolly!*, based on the play by Thornton Wilder, was performed by Theatre Tuscaloosa in cooperation with Shelton State Community College on June 16-25, 2006.

The Bean-Brown seems to promote excitement from the moment a patron walks through the large double doors all the way through the end of the performance. Once you enter the lobby of the Bean-Brown you seem to have stepped out of a college and right into a theatre on Broadway. This reporter, while only slightly nervous, found his seat, and waited with anticipation for the production to start.

The curtain rose and the lights went on out stepped Dolly Levi (Ava Buchanan). From the first song of the production, "Opening: Call on Dolly," all the way

through the "Finale Ultimo," the play was performed brilliantly. The play received a standing ovation on the final curtain, and seemed to have thrilled the packed house.

"We started rehearsals on

forming us into a near Broadway level ensemble. Stephen DeGelder, who was in the original cast of the show on Broadway, staged and choreographed the show with Gower Champion's choreography. That made this show truly a once in a lifetime experience. As dance captain of the show, it was exciting to work with him and hear about his professional career."

What was most surprising to patrons seemed to be that the entire cast was made of amateurs some of which weren't even out of high school yet. This production was directed by Paul Looney. Some familiar faces such as Barry Bonner, Joey Lay, Cindy Waldrop, Lisa Waldrop, and more from past shows and from Shelton State also appeared in *Hello Dolly!*

"[What was] most difficult for me was finding the exact timing of the dialog of the scenes. Everything, including the music and choreography, had to be so precise," Hutson said.



Patrons of Theatre Tuscaloosa's Bean-Brown Theatre enjoy a cozy lobby and a comfortable 499-seat auditorium for their Broadway-quality shows.

May 1 and rehearsed almost every night up to the run of the show. The rehearsals were pretty intense with all of the blocking, choreography, getting comedic timing just right, and the music" said Erin Hutson, who played Minnie Fay. "Leslie Poss, the musical director did a fantastic job trans-

Theatre Tuscaloosa teamed up with Birmingham's Summerfest for *Smokey Joe's Cafe*

Theatre Tuscaloosa loves a good story-and has put on, literally, more than a hundred of them over the years.

Smokey Joe's Cafe was not one of them!

Fortunately, though, it was a heck of a show. Taking a cue from the musicals of the '30s, this song and dance revue broke right into a number as the lights went up and it never let up. Most of the songs were silly and fun, a few were sexy, but they were all expertly performed by the seven cast members as well

as the five-piece band.

This show was a sort of

junction with the Summerfest Musical

Theatre of Birmingham, *Smokey* followed hard on the heels of Theatre Tuscaloosa's *Hello Dolly* and provided a different sort of showbiz experience for the Bean-Brown Theatre. Whether you liked a particular song or not, you had to enjoy the professional way it was performed, so just sit back and relax-and the audiences did just that.



The performers from *Smokey Joe's Cafe* had varied backgrounds but one thing in common: they were all great singers and dancers.

bonus for the regular theatre-going audience. Produced July 21-30 in con-

After visiting the music capitals of Europe, Hembree heads to UA in jazz

Now Bo Hembree is a little torn, a bit ambivalent. He still loves jazz guitar and plans to major in that at the University of Alabama starting this fall. But, then again, he can't get over the feeling he got visiting the music capitals of Europe this summer.

Especially affecting to Hembree was a stop off at Salzburg and to the "little spot" where Mozart wrote *The Magic Flute*. "It was just so great, so interesting. He wrote it in this studio-type thing no bigger than this stage," Hembree said, gesturing toward an area of Shelton's Alabama Power recital hall.

Hembree's trip of a lifetime was done under the auspices of the International Scholars Laureate program in music. Besides Salzburg and Vienna in Austria, he toured the Czech Republic and Hungary.

As far as music chair Syble Coats and the

other department faculty members are concerned, Hembree deserves all the scholarships and awards he can get. "He has been an excellent student in both academics (a 3.9 gpa) and in music. He has been a mainstay in the Shelton jazz band for years," Coats said.



Bo Hembree graduates from Shelton this summer.

Hembree is largely self taught in guitar, but Coats has put him through his paces in piano and engendered a great love for that instrument as well. "I want to be able to play for people and get my music out in front of an audience. But eventually I would like to have my own studio and record others' music as well.

There is a lot of great music out there and people with great talent. I would like to record it all. I love all kinds of music."

West Alabama Red Cross to celebrate its 90th year

As the West Alabama Chapter of the American Red Cross looks to celebrate its 90th Anniversary on September 8, 2006, and its National 125th Anniversary this year, it is reminded of all of the volunteers, spanning decades, who have helped to make it what it is today.

"We are looking for memories, mementos and more", said Paige Orr, Public Support Coordinator for the West Alabama Red Cross, "We want stories from anyone who has helped the American Red Cross over the years, anyone from eras such as World War II, Vietnam, and Korea." Appointments will be made for volunteers to share memories and artifacts with American Red Cross staff for addition to the American Red Cross "Wall of Memories".

"We are searching for those people who helped to form our foundation here in Tuscaloosa", said Oscar Barnes, Executive Director of the West Alabama Red Cross, "As we look to celebrate our anniversary, we would love to share it with all of those who make up the American Red Cross name."

The American Red Cross depends on volunteers, who constitute 97 percent of their total work force, to carry on their humanitarian work. "Volunteers are the heart of every American Red Cross

Chapter and the Organization as a whole", Barnes said. "We would love the opportunity to thank everyone personally that has played a part in the American Red Cross in West Alabama."

Anyone with stories, personal experiences, or Red Cross artifacts, is encouraged to contact Paige Orr or Susan Packa at (205) 758-3608 to set up an appointment. The 90th Anniversary of the West Alabama American Red Cross will be held on September 8, 2006.

Also, the West Alabama Chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of toiletry items to be put into comfort kits to be used during disaster. These kits include basic necessities that are so often not a priority when an evacuation is ordered or a home has been destroyed. Many of these items include: toothbrushes, tooth paste, individually wrapped soap, deodorant, disposable razors, small shampoos and conditioners, washcloths, feminine hygiene items, and small lotions.

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For more information contact Paige Orr at (205) 758-3608.



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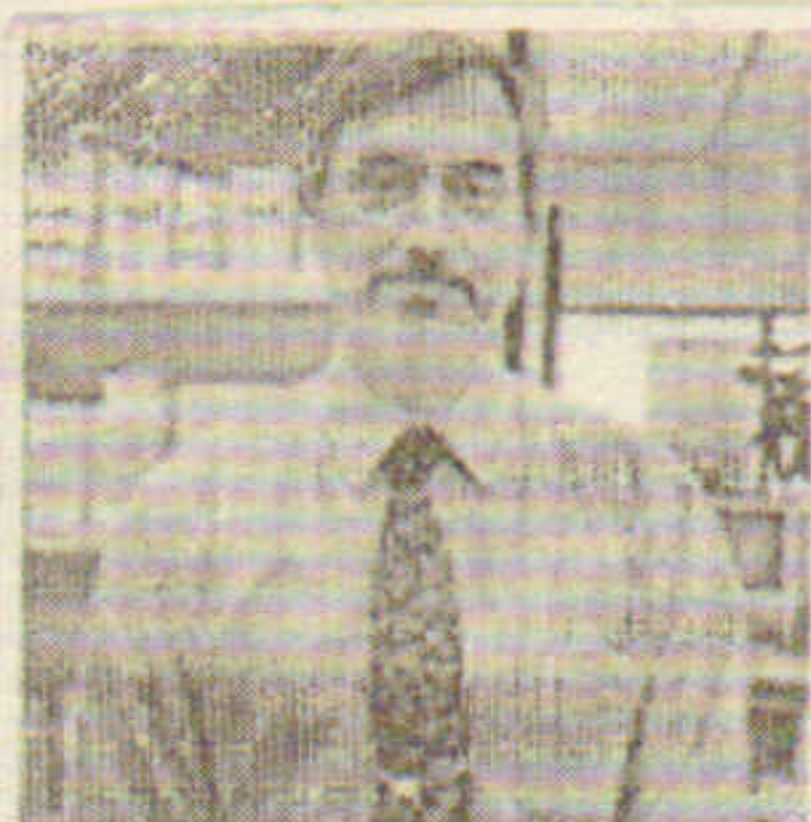
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The YMCA of Tuscaloosa County is currently registering teams for its fall adult basketball league. Cost of the league is \$300 per team with games held on Sunday afternoons. Deadline to enter a

team is October 6.

Also, the YMCA of Tuscaloosa is registering children ages 3-13 for its fall youth soccer league. Cost of the league is \$72 per child and includes a complete soccer uniform. Deadline to enter is August 25.

For more information, contact Michael A. Talerico at 345-9622.

Shelton team tears up PARA softball league

Now that the Shelton State team is a champion, more and more people are trying to get in on the act. But bookstore manager Judy Johnson says, "That's just fine. Bring 'em on."

The Shelton softball team won their division in the Parks and Recreation Coed Independent League regular season with a record of 9-1, outscoring their opponents by an average of 12 runs.

Games took place on Tuesday and Thursday nights starting April 21 and ending in June.

According to Johnson, everyone on the team played tremendously well, but there was no shortage of standouts. Paul Brown compiled a whopping .600 batting average and Urie Gardner hit 2 home runs.

"I don't know how he kept doing it," said Eric Prewitt of Brown's remarkable hitting. "We could count on him almost every trip to the plate."

Members of the team included Joe Ann Cousette, Will King, Judy Johnson, Fannie Bates, Brown, Prewitt, Brandi Acker, Jason

Griffin, Kaneisha Owens, Channing Howington, Karen Van Luvender, Sandi Thomas, Vincent Van Luvender, Gardner, Shae Jackson, Josey Leho, Claude Lake and Milady Murphy.

The team will take to the diamond again in the fall and anyone interested in playing is encouraged to contact Eric Prewitt or Paul Brown.

"There is always room for more players. We can always make another team!" Prewitt said.



Members of the PARA League Coed champion softball team posing with their trophy are (crouching): Sandi Thomas and Eric Prewitt and (L-R) Paul Brown, Jason Griffin, Judy Johnson, Kaneisha Owens, Joe Ann Cousette, Milady Murphy and Claude Lake.



Anyone for a dip?

The college pond is off-limits to swimmers, but it still looks mighty inviting in the Dog Days of Summer.



Why is that great big "Q" hanging in the atrium? The answer is: it stands for Quality.